

# SENATE RESOLUTION 20—ORIGINAL RESOLUTION REPORTED AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 20

*Resolved*, That, in carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry is authorized from March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998, and March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999, in its discretion (1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate, (2) to employ personnel, and (3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

SEC. 2. The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998, under this resolution shall not exceed \$1,747,544, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$4000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) to exceed \$4000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202 (j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(b) For the period of March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$1,792,747, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$4000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$4000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 3. The committee shall report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date, but not later than February 28, 1997, and February 28, 1998, respectively.

SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee, except that vouchers shall not be required (1) for the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual rate, or (2) for the payment of telecommunications provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (3) for the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery, United States Senate, or (4) for payments to the Postmaster, United States Senate, or (5) for the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (6) for the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services.

SEC. 5. There are authorized such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committee from March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998, and March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999, to be paid from the Appropriations account for "Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations."

## SENATE RESOLUTION 21—TO DIRECT THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. McCain, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Stevens) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 21

Whereas, in the case *Sen. Robert C. Byrd, et al. v. Franklin D. Raines, et al.*, C.A. No. 97-0001, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the constitutionality of the Line Item Veto Act (Public Law 104-130; 110 Stat. 1200), has been placed in issue;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(c), 706(a), and 713(a) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (2 U.S.C. 288b(c), 288e(a), 288l(a)), the Senate may direct its counsel to appear as *amicus curiae* in the name of the Senate in any legal action in which the powers and responsibilities of Congress under the Constitution are placed in issue: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to appear as *amicus curiae* on behalf of the Senate in the case of *Sen. Robert C. Byrd et al. v. Franklin D. Raines, et al.*, to defend the constitutionality of the Line Item Veto Act.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 22—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL TSONGAS

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. Daschle, and Mr. Kerry) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 22

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Paul Tsongas, formerly a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. in open session, to consider the nomination of William S. Cohen to be Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. in executive session, to consider the nomination of William S. Cohen to be Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, to conduct a hearing of the following nominee: Andrew M. Cuomo, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet in executive session for the purpose of adopting Committee Rules at 2:00 p.m., January 22, 1997 and at 2:30 p.m. to hold a confirmation hearing for Mr. William Daley, to be Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. to hold a hearing on balanced budget amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY FRIENDLY WORKPLACE ACT

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator ASHCROFT as an original cosponsor of S. 4, the Family Friendly Workplace Act.

S. 4 will update the Fair Labor Standards Act [FLSA] to better reflect the needs of today's workers. It will provide the kind of flexibility that workers and employers need in an age in which more and more of us are balancing roles as both parent and wage earner.

The current FLSA does not provide enough flexibility. S. 4 will allow employers and employees together to decide whether the employee should receive overtime pay or compensatory